



# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Fr. Christopher R. Fitzgerald, I.C.

**Priests of the Institute of Charity  
(Rosminians)**

Deacon Jerry Thomas

Deacon Dick Beaudry

## **Mass Schedule**

Weekend Masses

Vigil Mass (Saturday):

4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.,  
and 4:30 p.m.

## **Weekday Masses**

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Rosary 25 minutes before each Mass

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

Monday thru Friday

After 8:00 Morning Mass to 4:00 p.m.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 p.m.

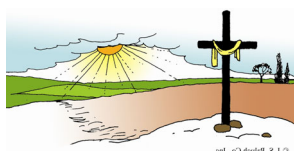
First Friday: 7:30 a.m.

or Anytime by Appointment with Priest

**April 15, 2012**

## **Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday**





## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 14</b>
4:30 p.m.	Tithing Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
6:30 p.m.	Spanish Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 15</b>
7:30 a.m.	†Jimmy Connors by Carmen Connors
9:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 a.m.	†Harry Washington by Virginia Morrison
4:30 p.m.	†James Douglas by Joyce Womack & Jean Hunt
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 16</b>
8:00 a.m.	†Joe Suppa by Bernadette Suppa
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 17</b>
8:00 a.m.	†Gloria Avecilla Nosce by The Ocampos
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 18</b>
8:00 a.m.	†Joseph & Mary Urban
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 19</b>
8:00 a.m.	Intention of Deacon Dick by Maria & Chito Ocampo
6:30	Spanish Mass
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 20</b>
8:00 a.m.	†Lawrence Kelly by Ronica Neely
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 21</b>
4:30 p.m.	†Carol Oliver by Dean & Tracey Lucchesi
6:30 p.m.	Spanish Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 22</b>
7:30 a.m.	†Nancy Veinotte McGee by Mom & Dad
9:00 a.m.	Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
4:30 p.m.	Intention of Fr. Martin by Joyce Womack & Jean Hunt

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

~1 John 5:5

**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS**, please pray for those who are ill, homebound, or confined to hospitals and nursing homes, *especially for the following*:

Fr. Chris Fitzgerald, Judy Allard, Pat Allen, Mary Baron, Ernest Berard, Bonnie Beaudry, Mary Bonner, Brittany Bourassa, Don Bowdoin, Jimmy & James Burke, Michael Casagrande, Mary Ann Casale, Jack Caskey, William Castillo, Frank Celani, Eileen Cianciatto, Carmen Connors, Tony Decavalno, Chloe Delaney, Edward DeMars, Delia Devine, Tristan Dickerson, Tony Diolosa, Catherine & Harry Donohue, James Evans, Edith Ferris, Bernard & Marilyn Ferris, Jeannine Fournier, Kenny Gay, Mary Geraci, Deacon Jim Hassett, Bette Hazzard, Debbie Herrick, Haggerty, Charlie Homs, Theresa Jurewicz, Dorothy Landis, June Louche, Carol Lukban, Nancy Marino, Pete McAteer, Olga McDermott, John McFaul, Hector Melendez, Heidi Louise Miller, Jeannie Mossholder, Helen O'Connor, Jacob Orth, Evon Perry, Kathy Petrus, Rev. Joseph Presley, I.C., Lillian Pezzutti, Mary Price, Pat Racic, Julia Rafferty, Jimmie Rydzewski, Enrique Sandova, Bill Sbuttoni, Catherine Schaefer, Mary & George Schembri, AnnaShoemaker, George Silva, Josie Silva, Mike Silva, Liz Smith, Jeanne Steadham, Evelyn Steen, Stanton Sullivan, Bernadette Suppa, Richard Swick, Sam Tagliarini, David Tart, Keith Tyner, Sr., Keith Tyner, Jr., Betty Valleri, Eddie Vazquez, Al Veinotte, Alice Veinotte, Lucy Vessa, Gabriel Wagner, Barbara Wellen, Margaret Wells, Kathleen Wright, Mary Woodard, Mary Zani, Justin Zeigler, Mildred Zimmerman and the Homebound and their Caregivers and the repose of the souls of Edwin J. Stacey, Dixie Townsend, Crispo Salvato and Kathy Finch.

**Please remember to pray for our troops, especially:**

Daniel Hutton	Jeff Calvani
Karen Castillo	Robert Lewis
Jarred Taracido	Greg Bender
Joseph Michalek	Shawn Fleege
Brandon Trinkle	Ryan Hurley
Juan Cruz	J.P. Zotomayor
Christian Morelo	James Angelo
Adam Murray	Helen Castillo
Kris Urquhart	Derrick M. Shea
Stefan Tyska	Rafael E. Santiago
Mickey Reese	Nathan Berry
John Openlander Jr.	Devon Michael Callicoat
John Andrew Marple	Matt Daniels
James E. Desaulniers	Jack Vine
Joshua J. Desaulniers	Jesse Witt
Lawrence Morgan Null	Bernard Ferris, Jr.
Raymond Barreto Chang	Brittany L. Jones Baker
Christopher Heacox	Adam Baker
Ryan Levy Cruz	Aran Miller
Zachary Trinkle	Dan Holder
Cameron Trinkle	Jesse Doyle



## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

**Psalms** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).

## Doubt

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8  
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15  
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21  
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36  
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15  
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21  
 Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalms 4; 1  
 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48

## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter  
 (or of Divine Mercy)  
 Thursday: Yom Ha-Shoa  
 (Holocaust Remembrance Day)  
 Saturday: St. Anselm

## Everything

God, of your goodness give me Yourself, for  
 You are enough for me. And only in You do I have  
 everything. ~St. Julian of Norwich

## Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi!

We extend a special welcome to all our visitors and new parishioners who have come to celebrate Mass with us today! If you are new to our community, please introduce yourself to our clergy. If you live in this area and attend regularly, we invite you to join our parish of St. Francis of Assisi. Registration is necessary for better care of souls, more effective administration of sick calls, and matters pertaining to baptism, education, marriage and burial.

Registration is very easy and the green "Parish Registration" cards can be found in the pamphlet holder above the table in the lobby. After completing, please place in the Parish Drop Box, located in the door by the water fountain in the lobby.

## Treasures From Our Tradition

Today was once called in Latin “*Dominica in albis*,” or “Sunday in White,” because the church was full of newly baptized Christians wearing their white baptismal garments. Another old title, best forgotten, is “Low Sunday.” There’s nothing low about this festive Sunday in Easter, the eighth day since the first “Alleluia” rang out. In Christian tradition, the number eight is a symbol of fulfillment, transition, breaking through the seven-day rhythm of life to a new way of being. That is why many baptismal fonts have eight sides. The greatest feasts of our calendar are always extended for eight days, called an “octave.” In a way, this means that this first week of Easter is really considered to be one great day. This octave day of Easter sees the best features of Easter still vibrant: joyful alleluias, lush spring flowers everywhere, sprinkling with water, and a lavish table where the Lord gives us himself as bread and wine.

For Orthodox Christians, today is the Easter feast, since their tradition requires that the Christian Passover cannot begin until the days of the Jewish Passover are ended.

## Prayer after Easter

*Lord, God our Father,  
 through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
 You have assured Your children of eternal life  
 and in baptism have made us one with Him:  
 deliver us from the death of sin  
 and raise us to new life in Your love,  
 in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
 by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 Amen.*



**Ministries Schedule April 21<sup>st</sup> & April 22<sup>nd</sup>****Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Pecorelli, A.**Altar Servers:** Subko, S.; Wrobel, J.**Lector:** Zendegui, S.**E.M.H.C.:** Benn; Bristol; Buehler; Caskey, M.;

Caskey, P.; Castillo; Harris

**Sunday - 7:30 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Haladay, B.**Altar Servers:** Raynor, B.**Lector:** Lukban, D.**E.M.H.C.:** Angelo, J. & J.; Chordas**Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Plourde, H.**Altar Servers:** Alfonso Family**Lector:** Nunes, P.**E.M.H.C.:** Shoemaker; Blair; Boucher; Bull; Ellis;

Kroll; Pasden; Plourde

**Sunday - 11:00 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Oliu, M.**Altar Servers:** Savidge, C.; Savidge, R.**Lector:** Carr, K.**E.M.H.C.:** Quintas, J. & T.; St. Amant, G. & P.;

Nieves, E. &amp; F.; Mussenden; Augello

**Sunday - 4:30 p.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Williams, C.**Altar Servers:** Sweeney Family**Lector:** Geiger, A.**E.M.H.C.:** Murray, A.; Sweeney; Hazzard**Eucharistic Adoration**

Monday - Friday .....8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Legion of Mary**

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**Novena to Our Lady, Queen of Peace**

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: .....3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

First Friday: .....7:30 a.m. or

Anytime by appointment with priest.

**Anointing of the Sick**For those going into the hospital for surgery:  
available anytime, but particularly during daily Mass.**Baptisms**

After required instruction, contact parish office.

**Marriage**Contact office at least six months before desired  
date and before setting date.**Business Office Hours**

Monday - Friday .....8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**This Week at St. Francis****April 15 — 21, 2012**

<b>Sunday</b> <b>April 15</b>	Faith Formation	
<b>Monday</b> <b>April 16</b>	Men's Emaus Group	7:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>April 17</b>	Legion of Mary	8:30 a.m.
	Parish Album Pictures	2:00 p.m.
	Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts	7:00 p.m.
	Pope John XXIII Prayer Grp.	7:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>April 18</b>	Parish Album Pictures	2:00 p.m.
	Dinner for the Needy	4:30 p.m.
	RCIA	7:15 p.m.
	Hispanic Marriage Group	7:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b> <b>April 19</b>	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
	Parish Album Pictures	2:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.
<b>Friday</b> <b>April 20</b>	Parish Album Pictures	2:00 p.m.
	MOM'S Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b> <b>April 21</b>	EMHC Training	9:30 p.m.
	Hispanic Faith Formation	5:00 p.m.
	Hispanic Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.

**Women's Guild Meeting**

The Women's Guild cordially invites all the women of the parish to the next monthly meeting to be held **Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the North Wing. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!

**Bible Study**

Join Deacon Dick, **each Thursday after 8 a.m. morning Mass**, for Bible Study.

*"The study of inspired scripture is the chief way of finding our duty."* ~St. Basil the Great

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

**HAPPILY MARRIED COUPLES:** The Pope appreciates the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend experience. And now a national poll finds that married couples recommend it too. Selected as a Finalist in the nominees of the 2012 *About.com Reader's Choice Awards*, Worldwide Marriage Encounter was declared the BEST Marriage Workshop from among all the finalists by the voting public. Want to find out what all the excitement is about? Please call 813-270-7832 or visit [www.wmetampabay.org](http://www.wmetampabay.org). **The next WWME weekend in this diocese is May 18-20 at the Franciscan Center in Tampa.**

## Pro-Life Events

Sponsored by *LifeCare* of Brandon

- ♦ **Walk-for-Life** on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Brandon Center, located at 122 North Moon Avenue.
- ♦ **Volunteers Needed** as female life-coaches, married couples as Family Coaches, and men to serve as mentors to young fathers.

For further information please contact Marilynn Pasden at 685-6595 or Betsie Welch at 417-6372.

## Join Us as We Connect Our Families



Please be part of our new **Family Directory** — we need **YOU** to make our new family album complete! *Lifetouch* will be here at St. Francis **April 17<sup>th</sup>—21<sup>st</sup>** to photograph you and your family. **This will be the last week to be photographed!** Sign up to be photographed through the parish web site: [www.stfranciscc.com](http://www.stfranciscc.com) and click on the “Portrait Sign Up” link or call Sue Soleau at 689-6914. *Portraits are valued family keepsakes!*

## Exchange Students

Please help! We need 13 host families for 2 1/2 weeks in July for Catholic, French, teen boys. The boys all speak English and have their own spending money, are well-screened and well-chaperoned. While they are here, there are 6 full-day excursions planned and any host teens are invited to join them. A great opportunity to expand your world and make a new friend! If you can help out, email Dr. Judi Briant, English Dept. Chairperson at Armwood High School, at 813-453-9023 or email her at [jbriant@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbriant@tampabay.rr.com).

## Online Giving

**St. Francis of Assisi** now offers *Online Giving*! Visit the parish website to sign up for Online Giving and begin donating to the parish automatically. Utilize the internet for the good of the parish through this secure and convenient process. Track parish giving along with your other finances by signing up today. Online Giving can be effectively used on its own or in cooperation with regular offering envelopes. If you would still like to receive envelope packets but also want to give online, you have the option to do so. For a list of FAQ's or for more information, go to the parish website at [www.stfranciscc.com](http://www.stfranciscc.com).

## St. Francis Chronicle



Blue Jay: Did you miss me over St Paddy's weekend, Francis?

Francis: Indeed I did, Bluey, and, so help me, I did think you were out and about with some of your Irish feathered friends...

Blue Jay: Dear saint, I was not, but I took the opportunity of dropping in on our teens' Antioch retreat in the Rotary Club off Lakewood.

Francis: Ah yes, the Antioch retreat, and how was it this year?

Blue Jay: As usual all credit is due to Steve Jarosz and his associates for organizing this yearly spiritual get-together, so well-directed and chaperoned – and the youngsters themselves just loved being together, of course.

Francis: Yes, Bluey, their peers are so important to them, and indeed if they can inspire each other what a blessing that can be.

Blue Jay: Six priests heard their confessions on Saturday night and Fr Mick presided over their Eucharist on Sunday night, out there in the open, “al fresco” as it were.

Francis: It does my heart good to hear that, their Saviour Jesus meeting them wherever they are, whatever they're doing.

Blue Jay: Amen to that, dear saint.

Francis: The Lord be with you, Bluey.

Blue Jay: And also...ouch!...with your spirit, Francis.

## Parish Ministries

<b>Altar Servers</b>	
Maria LePochat .....	651-9813
<b>Church Musicians</b>	
Ramon Martos	
Adam DeMary	
<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	
Susan Soleau .....	689-6914
<b>Faith Formation</b>	
Judy Erlandsson .....	661-3091
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	
Pam Caskey .....	651-1165
<b>Helping Hands</b>	
Judy Harris .....	653-0055
<b>Hispanic Ministry</b>	
Sonia Barroso .....	651-4038
<b>Hispanic Religious Education</b>	
Cristina Garcia .....	662-6195
<b>Hispanic Baptism Classes</b>	
Maria Elena Parilla .....	657-0218
<b>Home/Hospital Visitation</b>	
Monica & David Brandies .....	654-1969
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	
John Wilbur .....	685-8786
<b>Lectors</b>	
Alice Murray .....	315-9613
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	
Henri Plourde .....	689-3374
<b>Pastoral Council</b>	
John Angelo .....	684-2774
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	
Dawn Silva .....	649-8957
<b>RCIA</b>	
Deacon Dick Beaudry .....	689-0769
<b>Respect Life</b>	
Marlene Hill .....	684-8628
<b>Sacristans</b>	
Maria Ocampo .....	653-3011
<b>Scouts</b>	
Kathy & Ted Domey .....	685-8242
<b>Tender Care/Food Pantry/Clothes Closet</b>	
John Familetti .....	681-9115
<b>Ushers</b>	
Don Parker .....	689-6758
<b>Women's Guild</b>	
Theresa Redgrave .....	409-3255
<b>Youth Group</b>	
Steve Jarosz .....	655-4968

## Stewardship of Time & Talent Salute

In gratitude of God's gifts of time and talent to our parish, we acknowledge and salute, **Kathy Carr, Lector and Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion...** *Thank you, Kathy!!*

## Stewardship Reflection

*"The community of believers was of one heart and mind and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own." ~Acts 4:32*

Stewardship calls us to recognize, just as the early Christians did, that none of our possessions is our own. **All that we have – our health, our education, our skills, our talents, and our livelihood – are gifts from God.** The natural reaction when someone gives you a gift is to want to give something back. What do you give back to God?

## Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

Sunday, April 1, 2012

*"Charity is above all a hymn of love."*

Offertory Collection .....	\$11,502.75
Children's' & Youth Envelope/Contents .....	6/\$15.00
On Line Giving/Offertory .....	\$1,323.00
Building Fund .....	\$200.00
<b>Total Collections for this week .....</b>	<b>\$12,840.75</b>
Total Collections, week of 2011 .....	\$12,520.78
<b>Increase .....</b>	<b>\$319.97</b>
Envelopes Issued/Used .....	829/310(37%)
Budgeted Expense This Month .....	\$45,000.00
Total Receipts Month to Date .....	\$13,040.75
APA 2012 .....	\$130.00
On Line Giving/APA 2012 .....	\$20.00
<b>Total APA 2012 .....</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>

*~ Give Generously From Your Heart ~*

### MASS ATTENDANCE

4:30 p.m. 230	6:30 p.m. 273
7:30 a.m. 112	9:00 a.m. 251
11:00 a.m. 367	4:30 p.m. 233

**Total Attendance: 1,466**

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**\$578.70**

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**\$192.95**

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of your support, we are able to help those in need.

*Thank you and God bless!!*

***This Sunday Afternoon, April 15, 2012  
Come, Hear and Celebrate  
The Feast of Divine Mercy***

On February 22, 1931, a young Polish nun, **Sr. Faustina Kowalski**, saw a vision of Jesus with rays of mercy streaming from the area of His Heart. He told her to have an image painted to represent this vision and to sign it, **"Jesus, I Trust in You!"**

Calling her the Apostle and Secretary of His mercy, He ordered her to begin writing a diary so others would learn to trust in Him. In a series of revelations, He taught her that His mercy is unlimited and available even to the greatest sinners and He revealed special ways for people to respond to His mercy.

***The Feast of Divine Mercy***—Jesus requested that the Sunday following Easter be officially established as the **Feast of Divine Mercy** and He told Faustina, **"On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open to those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy."**

***The Image of Divine Mercy***—Jesus said, **"By means of this image, I shall be granting many graces to souls, so let every soul have access to it. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image shall not perish.. because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works."**



***The Divine Mercy Chaplet***—Our Lord taught Sr. Faustina a special prayer for mercy: **"Encourage souls to say the Chaplet... whoever will recite it will receive great mercy... at the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet, or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same."**

***The Hour of Great Mercy***—Our Lord asked for special prayer at the hour that recalls His death: **"At three o'clock, implore My Mercy, especially for sinners: and; if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion... In this hour I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in Virtue of My Passion."**

**JOIN FELLOW PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS**

**Here at St. Francis of Assisi, Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**CONFESSIONS** begin at 2:00 p.m.

**ROSARY** starts at 2:30 p.m.

At 3:00 p.m. the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** begins with exposition of the **Blessed Sacrament** and veneration of the **Divine Mercy Image**, following with a brief discussion of the **Message of Divine Mercy**, and concluding about **3:45 PM**